REPORTS

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st, 1959.



Medical Officer of Health

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ended December 31st 1959.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st 1959.

The Vital Statistics show a Crude Death Rate of 13.6 per 1000 of the population as compared with 13.2 for 1958. The Live Birth Rate was 14.0 per 1000 of the population as compared with 12.9 for 1958. There were no Still Births. The Infantile Mortality Rate was Nil per 1000 live births.

Housing and Overcrowding are dealt with in the Report of the Public Health Inspector.

There has been no change in the Industrial Circumstances of your District since my last report.

GENERAL STATISTICS

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VICAL STA	TIST	ICS			
Live Births Total (Legitimate 41 (Illegitimate		• •	••	• 3	M. F. 13 26 - 2
Live Birth Rate - per 1000 popula	tion		• •	• •	14.0.
Area Comparability Factor	• •	• •	• •	• •	0.94
Standardized Birth Rate	0 •	• •	•	o •	13.16
Live Birth Rate - England & Wales	(19	59)	• •	e o	16. 5
Still Births -	• •	c •	••	• •	IIi1
Total live and still births	• •		• •	• •	41
Still Birth Rate - per '000 live	and	still	birt	hs	Nil
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	• •	• •	• •	• •	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate - per 1000	live	birt	ns -	total	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate - per 1000	legi	timat	e bir	ths	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate - per 1000	ille	gitim	ate b	irths	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate - England &	wal	es (19	959)	• •	22.0
Illegitimate live births per cent	of	total	live	births	4.8%
Maternal Deaths (including aborti	ion)	• •	• •	• •	Nil

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Maternal Mortality Rate - per 1000 live and still-births	Nil
Deaths 30 - Males 15; Females 15	
Death Rate - per 1000 population	13.6
Area Comparability Factor	0.97
Standardized Death Rate per 1000 population	13.19
Death Rate, England & Wales (1959)	11.6
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5
Death Rate from Cancer - per 1000 population	1.7

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Other forms of Tuberculosis	0 0			_
Syphilitic Disease		• • -	_	-
Diphtheria	0 9		-	-
Whooping Cough	o o	. · ·	-	par a
Meningococcal Infections	0 0	0 0		
Acute Poliomyelitis				-
Measles		0 6	-	
Other infective and parasitic diseases			-	_
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	• •		-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus		2	_	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast			-	
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus			1	1
Other Maiignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms			2	2
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia			_	_
Diabetes	0 0		_	-
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	0 0	3	4	7
Coronary Disease - Angina		3	<u>.</u>	3
Hypertension with Heart Disease			_	_
Other Heart Disease		2	2	4
Other Circulatory Disease	0 0	1	_	i
Infleunza			2	2
Pneumonia		–	1	1
Bronchitis	0.0	3	1	4
Other diseases of Respiratory System	0.0		_	<u>-</u>
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum			_	_
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0 0			_
Nephritis and Nephrosis		00		_
Hyperplasia of Prostate	0 0		_	
Pregnancy - Childbirth, Abortion	0 0		-	_
Congenital Malformations			_	scott
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	0 0	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents			1	1
All other accidents			_	-
Suicide				-
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All causes		15	15	30
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health (Retired 31st Dec. 1959) J. H. Simpkiss, M.B., CH.B.,

Public Health Inspector T.A.Wass, M.A.P.H.I., CERT S.I.B. CERT. MEAT & FOODS.

ADOPTIVE ACTS as 1938

SECTION B.
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

Laboratory Facilities:

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist, Stafford.

Bacteriological Examinations:

Number of Specimens sent for Report 2
Total. Positive. Negative.

Diphtheria (swabs) Nil Nil Nil Sputum 2 Nil 2

The duty of providing the following services has been laid upon Staffordshire County Council in accordance with the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, viz:

Health Centres;

Care of Mothers and Young Children;

Midwifery:

Health Visiting:

Home Nursing:

Vaccination and Immunisation

Ambulance Services:

Prevention of Illness - care and aftercare;

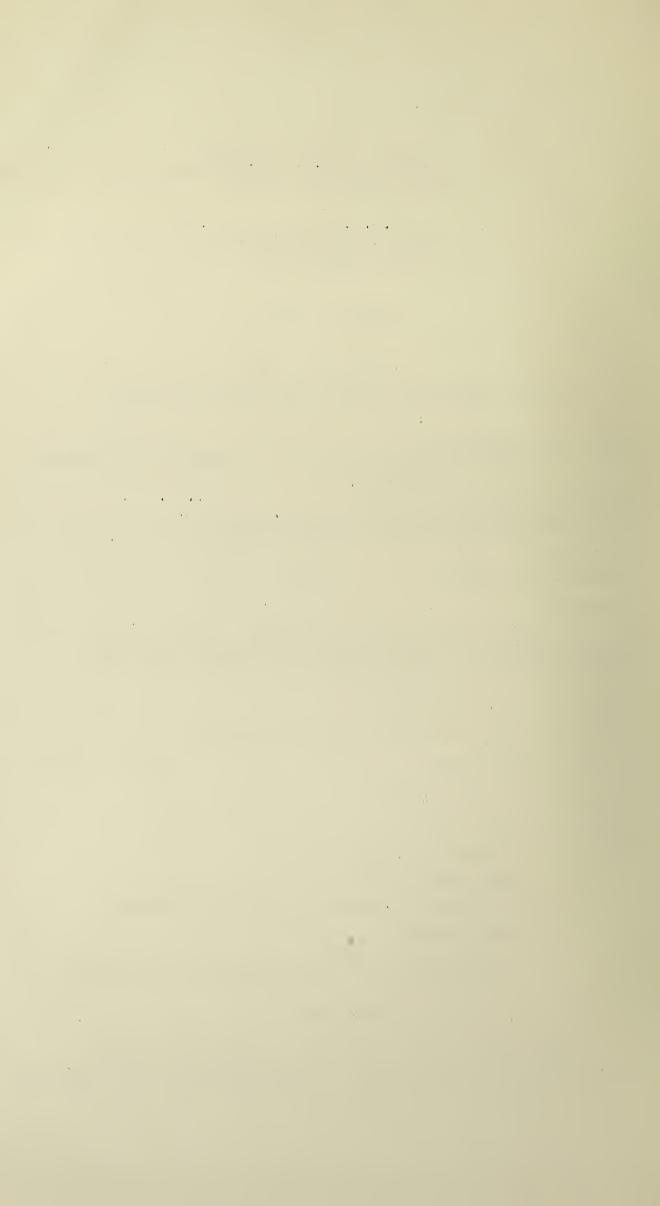
Domestic Help;

Blind Persons;
No powers have been delegated to the Council.

HOSPITALS

GENERAL AND FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

These are controlled by a Regional Board and are available for the treatment of Patients who have been duly notified.



SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

- 1. (i) WATER. See Public Health Inspector's report.
 - (ii) SEWERAGE. Disposed of by Stourbridge Main Drainage Board.
- 2. RIVERS & STREAMS. The River Stour runs through part of the District which is situated in the Severn River Board area.
- 3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.
 - (ii) VERMINOUS PERSONS AND PREMISES.

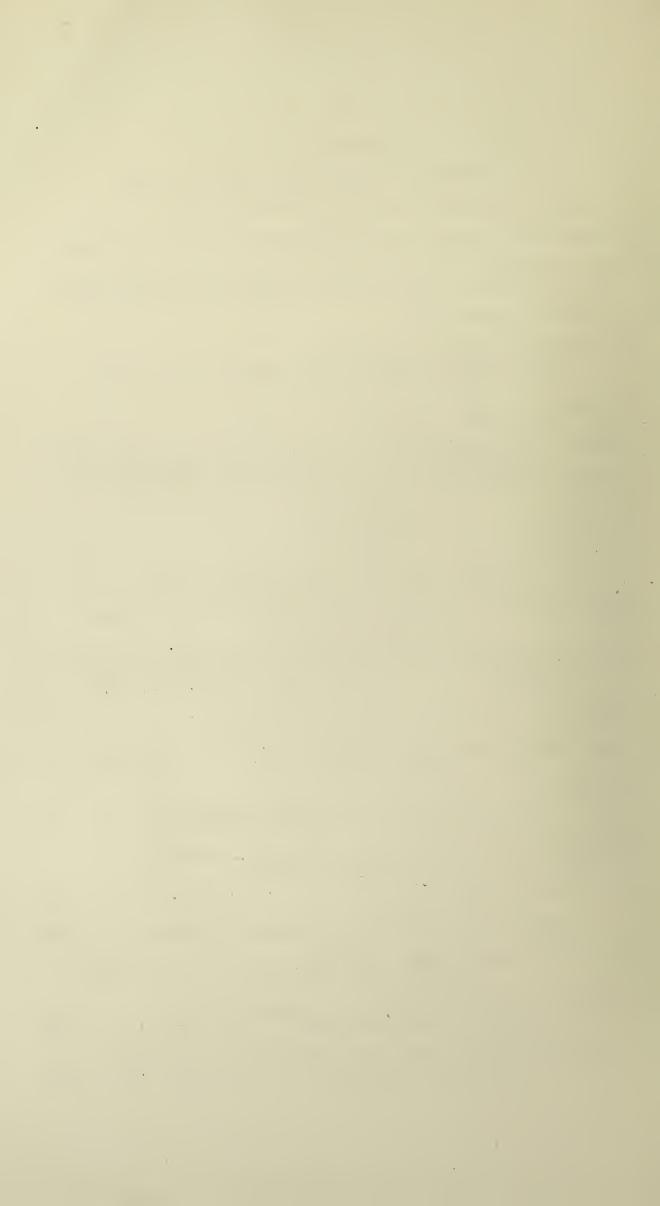
 The particulars will be found in the Report of the Public Health Inspector.
 - (iii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS Nil
- 4. SCHOOLS. One Primary School situated within the area, under the jurisdiction of Staffordshire County Council.
- 5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. The arrangements are adequate.

SECTION D

HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1959

- 1. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices: -
 - Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers Nil
- 2. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-
 - (A) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1957:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-
 - (a) By Owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners .. Nil
 - (B) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 16, 17 & 23 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1957:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil



- (C) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1957:-
 - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made · · Nil
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil
- 4. Housing Act, 1957 Part IV Overcrowding:-
 - (a) (1) Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year (1959) Nil
 - (2) Number of families dwelling therein Nil
 - (3) Number of persons dwelling therein Nil

 - (c) (l) Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year Nil
 - (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases . Nil

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING (See Report of Public Health Inspector.)

SECTION E.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply.
- (b) Meat and other foods.
 (See Report of Public Health Inspector)
- (c), (d) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc. are administered by the County Council.
- (e) Nutrition: No action has been taken.
- (f) Shell Fish: Little, if any, sold in the District.

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SECTION F
PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES
(2) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1959

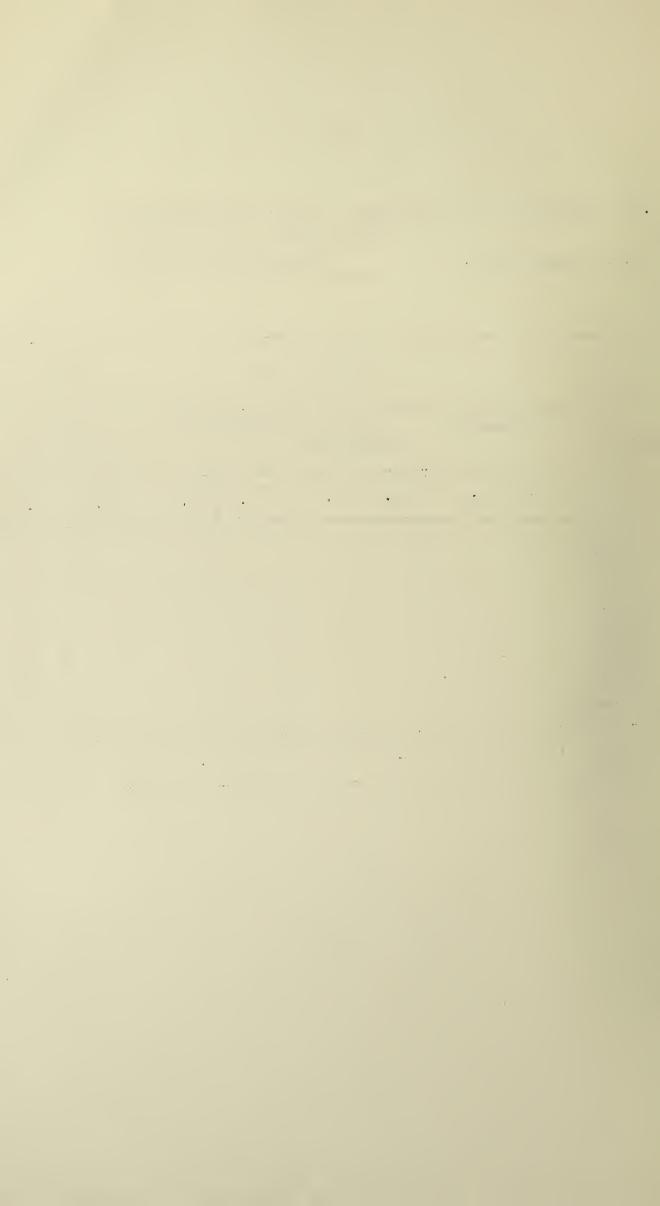
Totals	Enteric Fever Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Erysipelas Smallpox Measles Pneumonia Puerperal Pyrexia Cerebro-spinal Fev Poliomyelitis Encephalitis Dysentery	DISEASE
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1		10 15 75
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1		20 to 35 yrs
1		35 45 778
1		yrs 65 65
		over 65 yrs
	,	Cases sent to Isolation Hospital
		Deaths



- 5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. Service administered by Staffordshire County Council.
 - (b) TUBERCULOSIS.

Service administered by Staffordshire County Council.

	New Cases						Deaths		
Age eriods.	Respi	ratory		on- ratory	Respir	atory	No Respir	on- ratory	
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Inder 1 79ar 1 to 5 years 5 to 10 " 10 to 15 " 15 to 20 " 20 to 25 " 25 to 35 " 45 to 55 " 65 and upward	, ls								
TOTALS		-		**		-		•••	



FACTORIES ACTS, 1939 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF AMBLECOTE IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Inspections made by restriction				a tambana atminus s
Premises	Number	Number	of	
	on Register	: Inspections	Writter notices	iers
	(2)	(3)	(4)	prose- cuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1,2 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities /	.* 4	l‡	; 	_
the Local Authority) Other Premises in which Section is enforced by the Local Author xcluding out-workers' premises) .	ity	54 -	8	
Total	• 55	58	8	tion is a remainder designature
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(1) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ed (6)
t of cleanliness (S.1) ercrowding (S.2) reasonable temperature (S.3) adequate ventilation (S.4) effective drainage of floors (S.6) nitary Conveniences (S.7) Insufficient Unsuitable or defective 8 not separate for sexes her offences against the Act ot including offences relating Outwork	8	1		
Total 8	8		Eligh actor (Flore (State) actor	

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I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
J.H.SIMPKISS
Medical Officer of Health.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1959

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my annual report for the year 1959 as follows:-

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

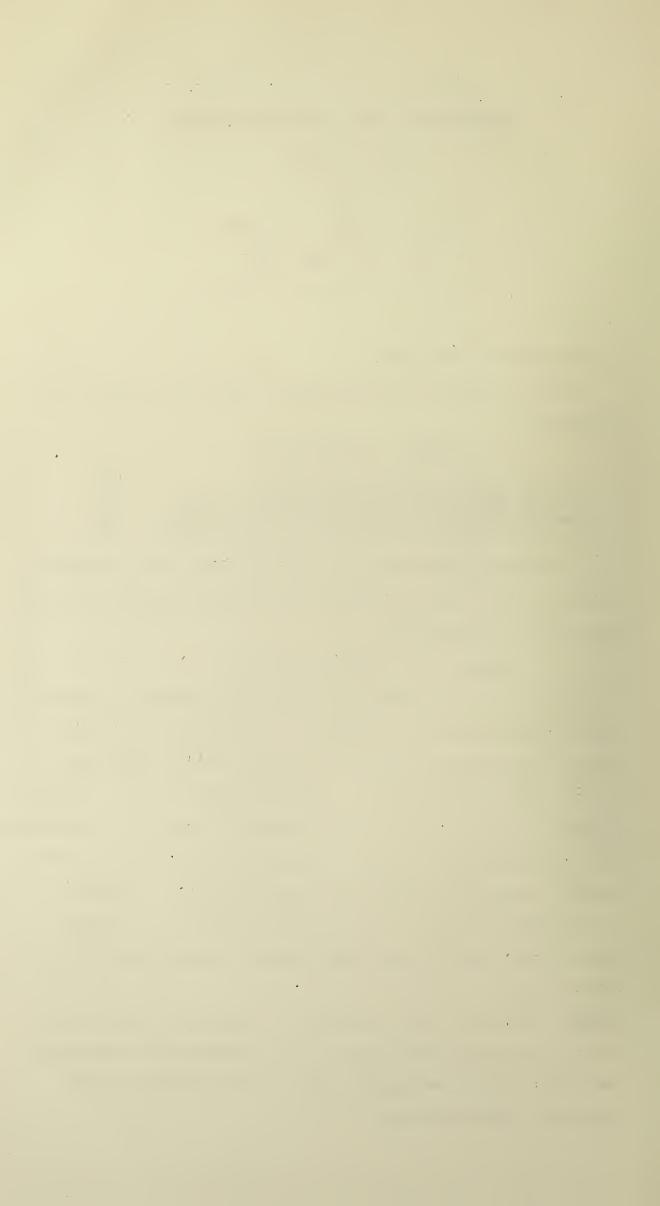
Houses	provided with	Water Closets	967
Houses	provided with	Pan and Earth Closets	4
Houses	provided with	separate Water Closets	907
Houses	provided with	Water Closets in common	60

The houses that have Pan and Earth Closets are situated in parts of your district where sewer accommodation is neither available nor practicable.

REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

All houses are provided with suitable portable receptacles for the household ashes and refuse. It has not been found necessary to put into operation a scheme for the provision of Dust Bins by the Council. Notices requiring the replacement of worn out receptacles have been complied with and no proceedings have been necessary. Refuse Removal is carried out by direct labour, a weekly collection has been maintained. Disposal is by controlled tipping, at the tip in Withymoor. A Karrier Bantam Refuse Lorry is used and has proved both economical and satisfactory.

Salvage Salvage is not collected. Parcels of Paper can be left at the Council Offices or, if the quantity is sufficient, are called for by arrangement with the Chief Public Health Inspector, Brierley Hill.



HOUSING

The housing situation still presents a problem. Four private houses were completed during the year and two houses were converted into four flats.

Tenders have been accepted for the erection of 12 Council flats for the rehousing of persons in unfit houses. Planning permission has been obtained for the erection of 12 Old Peoples Bungalows and a further application has been made to develop 12 acres of land for housing purposes in order to complete the rehousing of persons in unfit houses within the Urban District.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The houses and flats in your district may be classified as follows:-

Dwellings	with	one bedroom	4)
Dwellings	with	two bedrooms	336
Dwellings	with	three bedrooms	556 〈
Dwellings	with	more than three bedrooms	85 \

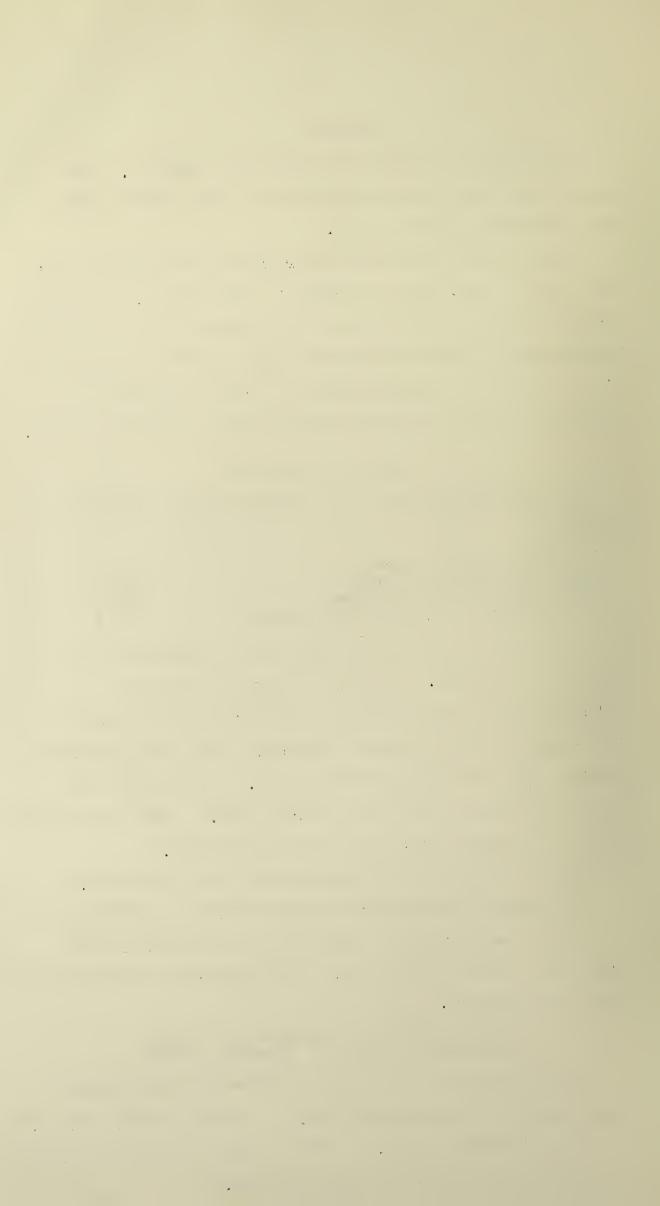
A survey of the district showed that 68 properties may have to be demolished. The time in which this can be accomplished will depend on the availability of alternative accommodation for the persons displaced. The total number of dwellings provided by the Council is 251. 203 of them are traditional houses and 48 three storey flats. Post War building has been as follows, viz:- 80 houses and 48 flats.

No Repair Notices under the Housing Acts have been issued.

53 Informal and Statutory Notices within the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936, were served in respect of mis-cellaneous defects at 42 houses. No proceedings at the Magistrates Court were necessary.

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS & STANDARD GRANTS

Four applications were made for Standard Grants and one application for Discretionary Grant. A total of £569. 15s. Od. was paid in respect thereof. This is equal to approximately the product of a rate of 3d. in the £ per annum.



RENT ACT 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were made.

Overcrowding. Although a number of houses are occupied by two families, there is no overcrowding if the Statutory Table is applied. As stated under the Heading General Statistics the average number of persons per house is 3.0. A majority of applications for Council Houses are from married sons and daughters residing with their parents who wish to have homes of their own.

NOMADIC CARAVAN DWELLERS

As in the previous year, 1959 has been free from visitors.

VERMINOUS PERSONS AND PREMISES

No premises have been found to be infested and no complaint of infestation had been received.

WATER SUPPLY

All premises obtain a continuous and wholesome supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the mains of the Stourbridge and District Water Board of which Amblecote Council is one of the constituent authorities. It is pumped direct from Bore Holes at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow, both of which are in your district. A further bore hole is situated in an adjoining area. Samples of water for Chemical and Bacteriological Examination are submitted at frequent intervals to Laboratories provided by the County Councils of Staffordshire and Worcestershire. The tests show a certain hardness but otherwise the water is of excellent quality for drinking and domestic purposes.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Milk is produced at two farms in your area. It is taken for treatment direct to a Dairy in an adjoining district. There is no Dairy in Amblecote. As the Urban District is a Specified



Area all milk sold is either tuberculin tested, pasteurised or sterilised. Supplementary Licences to retail Milk in Amblecote have been issued to 10 persons whose premises are outside the district and 12 Shopkeepers within the District have each received a Retailer's Licence.

FOOD - PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS

No Slaughter-house is in use in your district. There are three retail Butchers. They obtain their meat as follows:
(1) from Dudley (Dudley Co-operative Society); (2) from Wolverhampton Abbatoir; (3) from Kidderminster. In each instance there is 100% inspection by qualified Inspectors. There have been no seizures or surrender of unsound meat. Very few pigs are fed by ordinary householders. No notices to slaughter swine, etc. on private premises were received during 1959.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933. Two persons only are licensed to slaughter or stun animals in a Slaughterhouse. There is no Knacker Yard in your district.

FOOD HYGIENE

All the food shops and canteens have been inspected regularly and it has not been found necessary to take any Legal Proceedings.

Food is sold by retail in the following shops:
Business premises only - Grocers 5; Butchers 1; Greengrocer 1.

Combined shops and dwelling houses - Grocers and General 9;

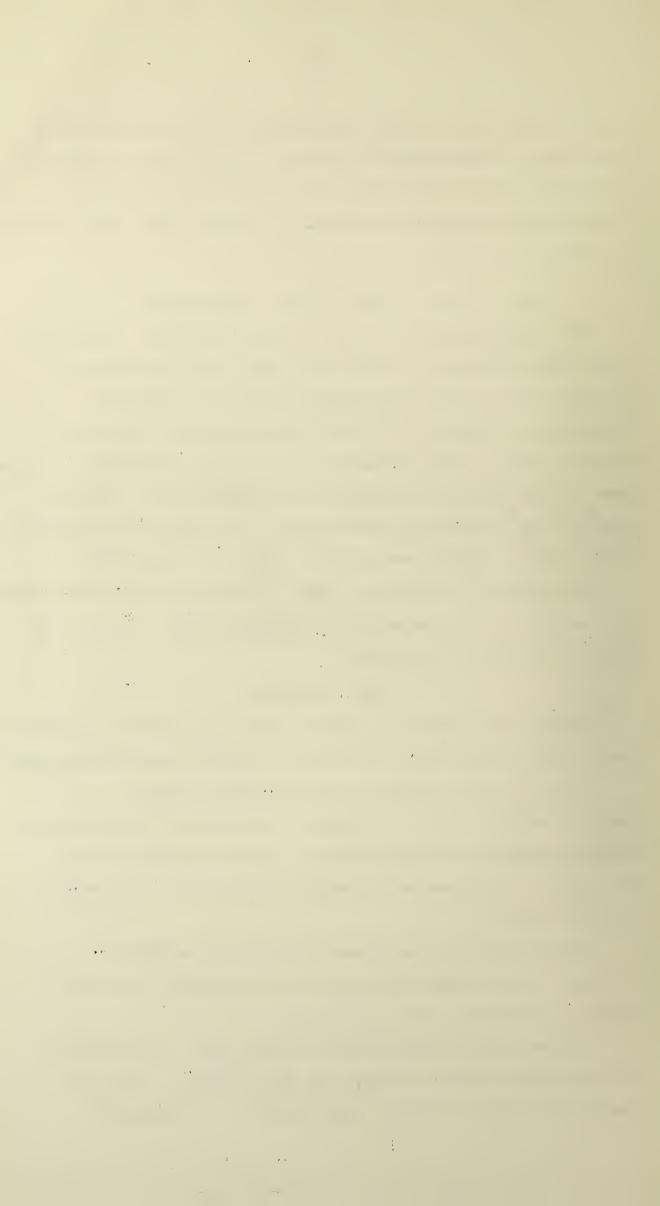
Butchers 2; Greengrocers 3; Sweets, Tobacco etc. 3; Fried

Fish 2; Café 1.

Eleven factories have Canteens for their employees.

One "Model" Bakery (Factory) is in operation from which Bread is distributed over a wide area.

No Ice Cream is manufactured in your area. 20 premises are registered for the storage and sale thereof. They are each fitted with a suitable. "Conservator". The premises



comprise 17 Shops, 1 Cafe, 1 Sports Pavilion and 1 Public House.

One market, a private one, operates for the sale and distribution of agricultural produce. It is also used as an Egg Packing Station. There is no public market nor are there any stalls for street trading.

UNSOUND FOOD

One consignment consisting of 100 stones of onions were surrendered voluntary the same being in an advance state of decomposition.

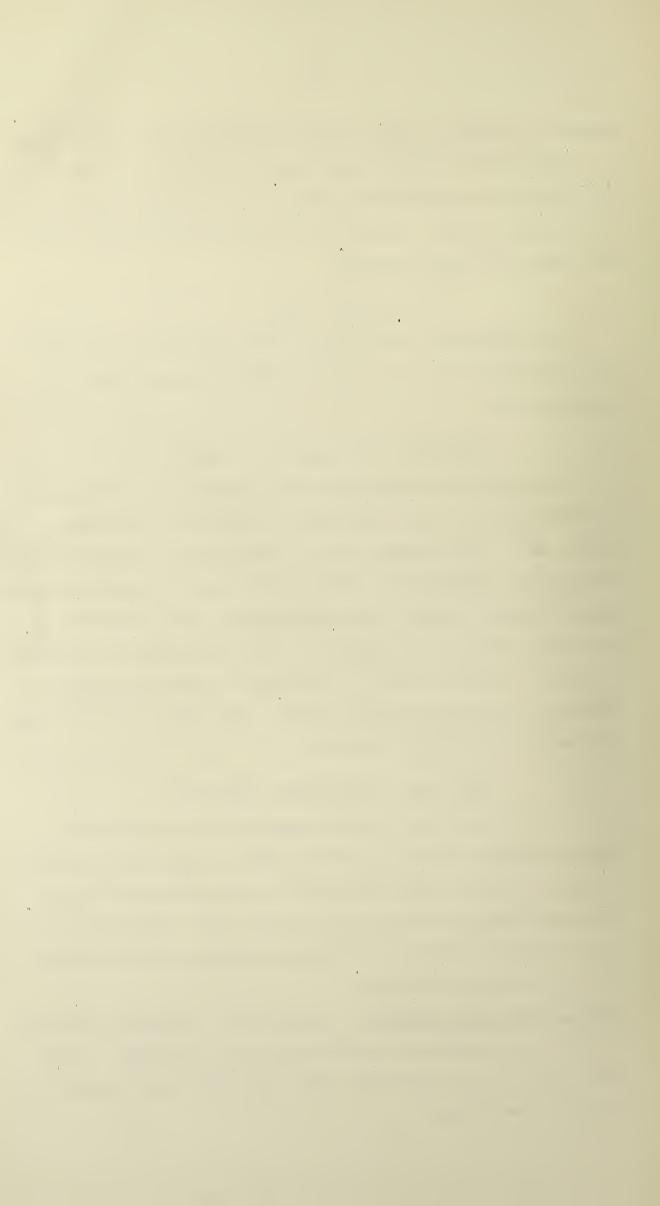
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

The following premises have been treated for infestations of Rats and Mice, viz:- Factories 5, Hospital 1, Dwelling Houses 10. The Factories are, by arrangement, treated quarterly. The work is performed by an "Operator" employed by Brierley Hill Urban District Council. The assistance in this direction of the Chief Public Health Inspector at Brierley Hill, is appreciated. A charge to cover the cost of treatment is made in respect of premises other than dwelling houses. The Sewers have not been treated as tests proved negative.

SMOKE AND ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The year has seen a further improvement in this field particularly in respect of the reduction of smoke from factories within the area. Only one factory is now giving any trouble with smoke from the chimney stack serving the heating boilers. It is hoped that this will be abated shortly when the boilers are converted to oil firing.

Grit and Dust from Furnaces Suitable grit arrestors have been fitted to all cupolas in the area with one exception. It is hoped that the firm concerned will comply with this request in the very near future.



There has been close co-operation between the Alkali
Inspector and myself in respect of factories at which we have
joint responsibilities. This co-operation has been greatly
appreciated.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

No premises are licenced.

PETROLEUM ACT

24 premises are licenced to store petroleum spirit in the area, the total amount licenced being 22,710 gallons. Licence fees amounted to £14 - 10s. - 0d.

l licence covering the storage of 224 lbs. Calcium Carbide was issued, the fee amounted to 5s. Od.

In conclusion I would like to thank my colleagues and staff for the assistance rendered to me.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my thanks for their confidence and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant.

T. A. WASS

Public Health Inspector.

